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Special Advertisements.

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lessons have not been wasted on the Por-
 tugal, next to ours, is the greatest of
 world's colonisers. Napoleon asked for his
 commoner, and colonies. Were he alive to-
 day, he would be in the list, and doubtless
 one of the departures of the century, in
 the direction of vastly increased cable
 constructing enterprise. France expends
 every year vast sums on its colonial
 budget, far in excess, indeed, of what
 represented by the volume of its
 colonial trade. So that ten millions
 of francs are expended on cable-laying
 will not strike French administrators
 out-of-the-way expenditure, especially
 view of the military and naval uses to
 which a great State asset might be put.
 It is not difficult to distinguish in all this a
 policy, also, towards that all-round con-
 quering cable, the cable to which Sir Sand-
 ford's "Penny" looks forward as the central
 cheaper service obtainable under his
 management was one of our reasons
 taking up the Pacific project. The pros-
 pect of reducing the rate to one-tenth of the
 seat figure is of course remote, but it is
 nevertheless the competition between
 the two systems which has been the pre-
 sents of the Eastern Extension Company
 already far below what they were in the
 before competition was heard of. Year
 year we become more recognisant of the
 that projects which a little while ago seem
 remote and unrealisable are either nec-
 essarily feasible, or on the point of be-
 coming so. The cable to which Sir Sand-
 ford's "Penny" looks forward is already
 placed cable begun, and federation is al-
 ready achieved. We are on the eve of further
 great, and it is by no means improbable
 cheaper cables and their more frequent
 will be among its results.

OUR RETURNING SOLDIERS.

The Australian soldiers who return to-
 day to-day are just in time to add lustre
 to the Commonwealth celebrations. They
 have been through the most trying and
 may well envy but, which none will
 among them are representatives of the
 South Wales Lancers, first of Australian
 diers on the scene of war. Fresh from
 Englishmen a spectacle of their ability in
 of arms warfare, the returning Lan-
 ces eagerly grasped the chance of striking
 a blow for their country. Their homes
 had been cruelly invaded. They
 stayed at Capetown on their way back to
 Australia, and their record during the
 two months that have intervened has been
 by brilliant and successful service. Among
 the returning troops are also Bushmen,
 have applied to the South African war-
 fare, which they learned in the
 duration of privations, contrary under
 pressing difficulties, courage in extremities,
 some of the qualities which mark the
 bushman. Add to these an absolute and
 well warranted self-reliance, together with
 horsemanship, and you have the materials
 of good soldiers who may be sent anywhere
 and will maintain their reputation. They
 maintained their reputation. Officers of
 rank, from Lord Roberts down, have set
 record their high appreciation of the
 services rendered by the Australians in
 Africa. If the mounted men have come
 for more praise than the infantry, it is
 because the infantry failed to do what
 they were sent for to do, but because of
 the character of the war was such that
 mounted men came more into prominence.
 It would be to gild refined gold to add
 anything to the commendation won by
 the Army Medical Corps of New South
 Wales. In that branch of the service our men
 have done their duty as well as the
 for us to congratulate them on the ap-
 preciation which their work has earned.
 We have reason to be proud of all our men, whether
 of the patrol and scout, or of the men
 carried difficult positions with the bayonet
 of the men who braved shot and shell
 to secure comrades from the enemy. They
 have done their duty, and their country
 receives them now with all honours

THE LATE SIR EDWARD KNIGHT

We publish this morning news of the
 of Sir Edward Knight, and we cannot
 regret the event without pausing to com-
 on the removal from amongst us of one
 for so many years has held an honoured
 place in this community. For sixty years
 Sir Edward was a colonist of New South
 Wales, and he was through his long
 service to the Government of this colony
 representative government which we chro-
 nicle the other day, through the period
 the Constitution was won, and so on through
 the forty-four years which have elapsed
 since, until the federation of these Aus-
 tralian States was accomplished, and the
 Commonwealth proclaimed. It is not often
 that a man's life coincides with the
 of national development, but the death
 of Edward Knight at the age of 81 years
 reminds us that from the age of 20
 this deceased gentleman was the eye-
 witness and of interested participant in
 making of our history. For nearly 60
 years with one break, and even many
 of the years of his life, Sir Edward
 was a member of the Legislative Coun-
 cil until a few years ago. His name and
 personality were closely identified with
 the Commercial Banking Company, but
 even more so with the fortunes of that
 great Australian industry the Colonial Sugar
 Refining Company. Every generation
 of our life has had its share of
 commercial and business life of this
 State, and how closely they are bound
 up with property. Sir Edward also took
 an important part in connection with
 Hospital, and on many occasions his
 services were of much value to that
 institution. In losing Sir Edward, New
 South Wales loses a man with an expert
 in affairs, the official head of two of our
 flourishing concerns, and one who in the
 service of the word must be remembered
 as a good Australian citizen.

The Naval Contingent in China.—Our

correspondent with the Australian Naval
 Agent sends an account of the work and
 service of the contingent of our sailors
 the mail. The letter is published on page 3, and
 a description of the Shansi massacre.

The Governor-General.—The Countess of

Down was unable to be present at the
 service held in St. Andrew's Cathedral
 Sunday. Although her Excellency is making
 good progress, and has been free from
 the last three days, she has been unable
 to make her usual morning calls, and
 has been unable to bear the fatigue
 even walking from one room to another. His
 Excellency the Governor-General is progressing
 favourably, but expressed the necessity
 during the past week, has produced severe
 in his legs, which will oblige him to lie
 up for some time. The Countess of
 Dudley, the New Zealand Baggie Band,
 Lieutenant Kenneth Cameron, played
 Government House during luncheon, giving
 a very fine performance. The formation
 of five phyicians of the members and his
 of their rendering of the music, and which
 the most pleasant journey.

Dinner at Admiralty House.—His

Excellency the Governor-General last night
 the captains of the men-of-war in port, the
 speaker of Machinery, Major the Hon. C.
 Willsburgh (military secretary), Captain

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